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SUBJECT: ICEM SEMINAR ON ADAPTATION AND INTEGRATION
OF PERMANENT IMMIGRATIONS

1. MISSION HAS LETTER FROM ICEM DEPUTY DIRECTOR MASELLI INVITING IT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO JULY II MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF SEMINAR ON ADAPTATION AND INTEGRATION OF PERMANENT IMMIGRANTS. LETTER STATES PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO REVIEW CONCLUSIONS OF 1974 SEMINAR AND EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF PREPARING ANOTHER SEMINAR IN 1975. QUESTION OF ENLARGING SIZE OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF ICEM NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED. (PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR 1974 SEMINAR COMPRISED OF ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, ECUADOR, ISRAEL AND US.)

2. CHIEF ITEM ON AGENDA IS CONSIDERATION OF SECOND SEMINAR IN 1975, A PREJECT WHICH ICEM ADMINISTRATION EXPECTED TO PUSH BUT ABOUT WHICH MISSION HAS DOUBTS. SPECIFICALLY, MISSION QUESTIONS WHETHER AMOUNT OF MANPOWER AND FUNDS REQUIRED FOR ANOTHER SEMINAR SO SOON AFTER FIRST WOULD BE JUSTIFIED IN TERMS OF REAL ICEM PRIORITIES AND RESULTS ACHIEVED. ALSO BELIEVE OPPOSITION TO ICEM'S TAKING LEAD IN THIS FIELD WHICH REPS OF ILO, EEC AND OECD EXPRESSED AT FIRST SEMINAR LAST MONTH CAN BE EXPECTED TO HARDEN AND MUST BE ADEQUATELY ASSESSED BEFORE
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COMMITMENTS MADE FOR SECOND SEMINAR. MISSION THEREFORE SUGGESTS US TAKE POSITION IT TOO EARLY TO ASSESS FULLY VALUE OF

FIRST SEMINAR AND ALL IMPLICATIONS OF ICEM'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD. QUESTION OF SECOND SEMINAR SHOULD ACCORDINGLY BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL AFTER ICEM COUNCIL HAS HAD CHANCE TO CONSIDER MATTER AT ITS COMING OCTOBER MEETING. (THIS POSITION WOULD REQUIRE US TO PROPOSE SEMINAR AS AGENDA ITEM FOR ICEM COUNCIL MEETING IN OCTOBER.)

3. PLEASE INSTRUCT. ABRAMS

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